

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States of America)

v.)

CRAIG LEVIN)

Case No. 19-1206-m

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of May 2019 in the county of Montgomery in the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 2423(b) and
(e)

Offense Description

Traveling in interstate and foreign commerce for purposes of engaging in illicit
sexual conduct with a minor.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

☐ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Rosemarie Vesce, Special Agent, FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

July 12, 2019

City and state:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Judge's signature

David R. Strawbridge, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

19-1200-m

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
ARREST WARRANT**

I, Rosemarie Vesci, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

BACKGROUND

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent of the FBI since 2004, and am currently assigned to the Fort Washington Residency Agency. While employed by the FBI, I have investigated federal criminal violations related to high technology or cybercrime, child exploitation, and child pornography. I have gained experience through training, my prior employment, the FBI Academy, and everyday work relating to conducting these types of investigations. I have received training in the area of child pornography and child exploitation, and have had the opportunity to observe and review numerous examples of child pornography (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256) in all forms of media including computer media. Moreover, I am a federal law enforcement officer who is engaged in enforcing criminal laws, including 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b) and 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)(b) and (e), I am authorized by the Attorney General to request an arrest warrant.

2. This affidavit is being made in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for CRAIG LEVIN, d/o/b [REDACTED], for violations of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b) and (e), Transportation/Travel to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct from in or around May 2019.

3. The statements contained in this affidavit are based upon my investigation, information provided by other FBI agents and law enforcement officers, and on my experience and training as a Special Agent of the FBI. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing an arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that CRAIG LEVIN has committed violations of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b) and (e), which prohibit a person from traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in any illicit sexual conduct with another person under the age of 18, and any attempts to do so.

PROBABLE CAUSE

4. In April 2019, your affiant received information from the Minneapolis Division of the FBI, as a result of their investigation into a subject (here in referred to as "AW") who traveled to Cebu, Philippines, on three occasions in 2016, 2017, and 2018. During the course of at least 1/1/2013 to 4/3/2019, AW chatted with hundreds of minor females in the Philippines, mostly in the Central Visayas Region. On dozens of occasions, AW caused and paid for the production of child pornography and distributed obscene materials to minors in violation of federal law. AW primarily used Facebook to communicate with minors and produce and receive child pornography, while using Western Union and MoneyGram to pay for child pornography.

5. Several minors from the Philippines have been identified and interviewed as a result of the aforementioned investigation, which is further described below. As a result of the identification of these minors and of search warrants conducted, additional Child Sex Tourism actors were identified to include the subject of this affidavit, further identified as CRAIG ALEX LEVIN, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6. One of LEVIN's Facebook pages was identified as Facebook ID 100000047394124 (also identified as www.facebook.com/craig.levin.39). According to his Facebook profile, LEVIN is a resident of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, studied education at Pennsylvania State University and was a teacher at Lower Merion High School.

7. AW's Facebook account was searched pursuant to Federal Search Warrant on April 11, 2019, following his arrest for the production of child pornography. The results of the search warrant indicated AW was involved in international child sex tourism in the Philippines. Although LEVIN and WOLFF were not direct Facebook "friends," WOLFF was aware of LEVIN and did communicate with Philippine females about LEVIN via Facebook. A review of Facebook accounts associated with AW's production and distribution of child pornography further identified common/shared contacts between LEVIN and AW. Additionally, three Facebook accounts involved in the production and distribution of child pornography with AW were found to also be Facebook friends with LEVIN.

8. In June 2019 LEVIN's Facebook profile (Facebook ID: 100000047394124) was reviewed which revealed his latest post was on 4/24/2019. The "ABOUT" page of his Facebook account listed the following information: That he lives in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, studied at University of Hawaii, Pennsylvania State University and Northeast High School. The "WORK" and "EDUCATION" page of the account listed the following:

- Teacher at Lower Merion High School, Wynnewood, PA from 2000-2007
- Teacher at Harrilton High School, Rosemont, PA from 1987-2000
- Teacher at Castle High School, Kaneohe, Hawaii from 1984-1987
- Teacher at Kauai High School, Lihue, Hawaii from 1980-1984
- Teacher at Lackey High School, Indian Head, MD from 1977-1979

9. According to Customs and Border Patrol travel records, LEVIN has flown internationally at least 25 times between 1984 and 2019. This travel includes 14 flights on Asiana Airlines to Seoul, Korea, a common lay-over airport for travels from New York City to the Philippines.

10. Prior to the aforementioned Minneapolis FBI investigation, the International Justice Mission (IJM) conducted an undercover operation on 07/09/2018 with the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Women & Children Protection Center (WCPC), Visaysay Field Unit (VFU), into a minor (initials JT, herein referred to as "Minor 1," DOB: [REDACTED]) who was sending explicit images of herself and other minors via Facebook. As a result of the operation, Minor 1 was arrested by PNP-WCPC VFU and another minor victim (age 14 years old, initials JP, DOB [REDACTED]), herein referenced as "Minor 2," was rescued.

11. On or about 01/09/2019, Minor 2 was interviewed by an FBI Child Adolescent Forensic Interviewer in Cebu, Philippines. During the interview, the victim disclosed that she had sex with multiple U.S. adult males, some of which she could not recall their names. Minor 2 stated that during some of the sexual encounters Minor 1 was present and would take nude pictures and/or videos of Minor 2.

11. In March 2019, FBI Minneapolis division obtained a federal search warrant for two Facebook accounts associated with Minor 1. During the review of the search warrant results, numerous U.S. and foreign subjects were identified for communicating with Minor 1 while she was a minor. Some

of the subjects had requested for Minor 1 to produce and disseminate images of child pornography involving her and other minor Philippine females. In addition, Minor 1 was communicating with subjects to arrange meetings with her and other minor Philippine females in order to engage in sex.

12. One of the subjects identified for communicating and meeting with Minor 1 was LEVIN (Facebook account: 100000047394124/craig.levin.39). LEVIN communicated through his Facebook account with both of Minor 1's known Facebook accounts between May 2017 and December 2018. Some of the relevant chat logs obtained from these accounts are as follows:

12/17/2017: LEVIN = "I am coming to Cebu next month"
"right now I am in the united states"

01/16/2018: LEVIN = "u have young girl for me?"

10/08/2018: MINOR 1 = "how about thaty"
MINOR 1 = "?"
LEVIN = "whats her name?"
LEVIN = "and age?"
MINOR 1 = "ivy?"
MINOR 1 = "13 year oldf"
MINOR 1 = "criag?"
MINOR 1 = "??"
LEVIN = "fb name"
MINOR 1 = "no fb?"
LEVIN = "how about the girl u Brought me last year katherine"
MINOR 1 = "i bring that girl tommorow morning?"
LEVIN = "she must have fb"

13. On or about 04/25/2019, FBI CEOU SA Kelly Clark interviewed Minor 1 in Cebu, Philippines. During the interview, Minor 1 disclosed the following information as it relates to LEVIN:

- Minor 1 identified the picture from LEVIN's Facebook page and stated she had met him in person.
- Minor 1 stated that in 2018, Minor 2 asked Minor 1 to go to the ABC Hotel in Cebu, Philippines off of Romas Street, to meet LEVIN. Once they arrived, Minor 1 went to the bathroom where she remained while LEVIN and Minor 2 had sex. Minor 1 knew that they (LEVIN and Minor 2) were having sex because she could hear them moaning through the bathroom door. While in the bathroom, Minor 1 got onto LEVIN's laptop and logged onto her

Facebook account. After LEVIN and Minor 2 were finished having sex, LEVIN gave Minor 1 and Minor 2 each 1,500 Philippine Pesos (PHP).

- The name "KATHERINE" who was referenced in the chat logs was a 15 year old who Minor 1 knew LEVIN had sex with and the female depicted within the 3 pictures Minor 1 sent to LEVIN was "MARA".

14. On or about 05/09/2019, FBI Legat Manila received information from Philippine Bureau of Immigration regarding LEVIN's travel to the Philippines. According to the information received, LEVIN most recently travelled to and arrived in the Philippines on 05/08/2019. It appears as though LEVIN frequently travels to the Philippines and spends approximately 2 months there each time he visits.

15. On or about 05/13/2019, FBI CEOU conducted additional open sources searches to include social media. From the information found, LEVIN has a Twitter account under the name "craig levin" (username: "levdog24"). The picture matches the identity of LEVIN's known Passport photograph. From the information posted on Twitter, LEVIN states he is a "high school teacher" and his location is "Philadelphia/Philippines". LEVIN's aforementioned Facebook account (aka craig.levin.39) is still active and he most recently posted a picture of himself on 04/24/2019. The picture matches the identity of LEVIN's known Passport photograph.

16. On or about 05/17/2019, SA Clark prepared and disseminated all aforementioned information to the Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center (PICACC) and PNP-WCPC VFU via email. Along with the information disseminated, it was requested for the Philippine authorities to assist in locating LEVIN's whereabouts in the Philippines.

17. SA Clark was informed by PNP-WCPC VFU Captain Nino Ibo via email of the following: On 5/24/2019 at approximately 6:10pm, WCPC-VFU arrested U.S. citizen CRAIG ALEX LEVIN at Horizon 101 Condotel, Gen.Maxilom, Cebu City, Philippines, while bringing a minor victim, (herein referenced as Minor 3), a 15 year old Philippine female, to his hotel. The arresting officers

recovered the following subsequent to LEVIN's arrest: one black keypad Samsung cell phone; 13,532 Philippine peso bills; and assorted ATM cards, including the key of his rented room in Horizon 101.

18. On or about 05/27/2019, PNP-WCPC VFU filed two complaints for violation of Section 10 (b) and (c) of RA 7610 and Section 4 (a) Qualified by Section 6 (a) as amended by RA 10364, before the office Honorable Cesar Gariando, Cebu City Assistant Prosecutor. LEVIN filed a waiver requesting for his preliminary investigation.

19. On or about 5/29/19, Minor 2 was interviewed by Fredrick Tupaz, a police officer with the Philippine National Police and provided the following information:

- o Minor 2 advised she will be entering the 10th grade in June of 2019. She is the oldest of two children in her family. Minor 2 was shown a photo of LEVIN and identified the photo of LEVIN as the man she knew as Craig.
- o Minor 2 stated her Facebook friend named Coleen introduced her to LEVIN in April 2018. Minor 2 met LEVIN at the ABC Hotel in Cebu, the Philippines and in April 2018, Minor 2 had sex with LEVIN. She was paid 1000 pesos by LEVIN for having sex with him and she was 14 years-old at that time.
- o Minor 2's friend Coleen had previously taken nude photos of Minor 2, which Coleen had sent to a man named Charlie Green, another foreigner Minor 2 had sex with in Cebu. Coleen maintained these nude photos of Minor 2 on her phone and subsequently sent the nude photos to LEVIN. Coleen sent two separate sets of nude photos of Minor 2 to LEVIN.
- o Coleen received 1000 pesos from LEVIN for one set of Minor 2's nude photos and 1005 pesos from LEVIN for the second set of Minor 2's nude photos. Minor 2 did not get any money from the first payment from LEVIN to Coleen, only a drink at a fast food store. She did receive 200 pesos for the second set of her nude photos Coleen sent to LEVIN.
- o Minor 2 advised she went to LEVIN's room at the ABC Hotel in Cebu seven times. She had sex with him four of the times she went to see him. Minor 2 advised she was scared

when she went to LEVIN's room as you needed a key card to swipe out of the room.

LEVIN was a big man so she had sex with him because she was scared he would hurt her

if she didn't. Minor 2 advised there was another juvenile girl named "Rosegin" (16 years

old) who also took nude photos of herself and sent them to LEVIN. She lives near

Coleen in Cebu and she was arrested (not further described by Minor 2). LEVIN used a

money remitting company named M Lhuillier to send money to Coleen. Another

juvenile Minor 2 identified as knowing LEVIN is a girl named "K.M."

20. On or about 06/06/19, Bangkok FBI Assistant Legal Attaché Joe Fonseca (ALAT Fonseca), met with members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) at the Women & Children Protection Center, Visayas Field Unit, Cebu, the Philippines, to review evidence and discuss the victim interviews conducted by the PNP with regards to the 05/24/2019 arrest of LEVIN, who was charged with being an adult in the presence of a child. ALAT Fonseca obtained the following information from PNP officers Fredrick Tupaz and Reva Vicariato, from the affidavit they filed with the Philippines court, following their interviews with two juveniles (Minor 2 and Minor 3) who advised they had sexual intercourse with LEVIN:

21. On or about 5/25/19, Vicariato interviewed the 15-year-old victim (Minor 3), who had been recovered by the PNP in the presence of LEVIN on 5/24/19, while they were both inside the elevator at the ABC Hotel in Cebu. At that time, LEVIN was charged under a Filipino law which makes it a crime to be an adult in the presence of a child (without legal custody). Minor 3 provided Vicariato with the following information:

22. Minor 3 has known LEVIN since 2018. She was introduced to LEVIN by her friend from Facebook, a friend she identified as Chistinejoy. Christinejoy had already known LEVIN and told LEVIN about Minor 3. LEVIN subsequently contacted Minor 3 via Facebook Messenger (FB Messenger). In this FB Messenger contact with Minor 3, LEVIN told Minor 3 he wanted to have sex with Minor 3 and he would pay for her to take a taxi to his hotel for the purpose of having sex. LEVIN

told Minor 3 to also bring a friend. Minor 3 and LEVIN had sex at his hotel room in approximately May 2018. Minor 3 also had sex with LEVIN in approximately May 2019.

23. Minor 3 confirmed she also met LEVIN three times in May 2019 – on 5/21/19, 5/22/19 and 5/24/19. Minor 3 had sexual intercourse with LEVIN on 5/21/19 and 5/22/19 but LEVIN was arrested on 5/24/19 before they could have sexual intercourse. LEVIN paid her 1,000 Philippine pesos each time he had sex with her. LEVIN also paid for her taxi cab ride to his hotel, the ABC hotel in Cebu, at least once. LEVIN also gave Minor 3 chocolate and soap the first time she met him for sex.

24. After the second time they had sex in May 2019, on 5/22/19, LEVIN told Minor 3 she would have to get a fake ID in order to get into the ABC Hotel the next time. The guard at the hotel told LEVIN she (Minor 3) would not be let in any more unless she had an ID stating her age. LEVIN met Minor 3 at a 711 near his hotel and took her to Colon to get her ID. LEVIN took the photo of Minor 3 he then used to obtain a fake ID for her. They did not physically obtain the Fake ID that day (5/22) but Minor 3 only provided a picture for the fake ID.

25. On or about 5/24/19, at approximately 6:00 a.m., LEVIN texted Minor 3 and told her to meet him at 1:00 p.m., as he had the fake ID available. This was the day Minor 3 was recovered and LEVIN was arrested. When Minor met LEVIN, at a business down the street from his hotel, he gave Minor 3 the fake ID he had made for her. The ID stated she was 19 years old. LEVIN told Minor 3 to meet down the street, at a business, as opposed to at his hotel. They both then walked to the hotel together but entered the hotel separately. She gave her ID to the guard who then gave the ID to the front desk at the hotel.

26. On or about 6/6/19, ALAT Joe Fonseca was advised by the Philippine National Police (PNP) a number of items were recovered in LEVIN's room at the ABC Hotel in Cebu after the execution of a search warrant by the PNP. ALAT Fonseca attended a meeting at the PNP Women and Children Protection Center, Visayas Unit, in Cebu, Philippines. During the meeting, the PNP advised they recently executed a search warrant on a hotel room at the ABC Hotel in Cebu, following the arrest of Levin. Recovered during the search were a number of items from this hotel room, to include, without

limitation: - U.S. passport of Craig Levin; - credit cards in the name of Craig Levin; - handcuffs; - lubricant oil; - women's underwear; and - two notebooks. Within these two notebooks are the names of more than 70 females. There are also notations for amounts of money and dates. These two notebooks remain in the custody of the PNP. Notations found within the two notebooks are as follows:

- Girls' names and a number in parentheses next to each name (such as Sheila (15), Cindy (12), Mageco (12), Marie (13), Desiree (14), Maribel (15), Noella (16), and Rosell (17));
- Each girl has five categories listed under their names, with a number next to each category; the categories were "Face", "Body", "Personality", "Age" and "Sex" (note: most numbers observed next to each category were from 7-10);
- On a page with the names of numerous girls was the notation of "New" followed by 66 girls' names, and "Overnight" followed by the names of 13 girls;
- One notebook had the date range for girls as "2015 - 2016";
- The name "Honey Mae" was listed above several of the girls' names (note: there are a number of girls' names and initials listed above the girls names with numbers in parenthesis, including the initials "F.B.");
- "Kate and sister (15 + 16)";
- "Mie", listed as "13-14" (Note: one juvenile victim interviewed in the case against Craig Levin advised she has had sex with Levin and she is known to use the nickname "Mie");
- Notation as to "Virgin - 12", "Repeat - 25" and "Overnight - 3 Jen, Shelly, Coriz";
- Notation as to "13-12 yr. olds - 10"; and
- Reference of girls with a date period back to 2012 ("Shaney (20) (2012- 2015)").

27. Administrative subpoenas were issued for Levin's aforementioned Facebook account, along with several money remitters often used to send money to overseas. The subpoena results include various wire transfers sent by Levin to the Philippines. In addition, the results of these subpoenas yielded a common IP address, 76.99.86.200, which was used by Levin to access his Facebook account in April 2019, and was also used on various occasions to access at least two of the money remitting services he used to send money to the Philippines. The IP address used by Levin to access these services belongs to Comcast, who provided records confirming the following subscriber information for the relevant dates and times requested: Craig Levin, [REDACTED]

28. According to subpoena results obtained from Western Union, Levin sent approximately 46 wire transfers to the Philippines between 1/18/17-4/9/19. (Each of these records includes his home address, and most include his DOB for ID verification). Approximately twelve of these transfers were

sent online utilizing IP address 76.99.86.200 and the remainder of the transactions were sent from either Walgreens (119 E. Dekalb Pike King of Prussia, PA) or Giant Food Store (310 S. Henderson Rd. King of Prussia, PA).

29. The aforementioned records demonstrate that Levin accessed his Facebook account and several money remitting services in April 2019 from the King of Prussia area prior to his May 2019 trip to the Philippines. Levin is facing charges of violation of Republic Act 7610 or the Child Abuse Law and RA 10364 or the Qualified Human Trafficking Act as a result of his arrest in the Philippines on or about May 24, 2019.

CONCLUSION

30. Based on the facts set forth above, I have probable cause to believe that violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b) and (e), Transportation/Travel to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct, have been committed by CRAIG LEVIN. I therefore respectfully request the issuance of an arrest warrant.



Rose Vesci
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to me this 12th
day of July 2019.

BY THE COURT:



HONORABLE DAVID R. STRAWBRIDGE
United States Magistrate Judge